

## Today's News - March 17, 2004

Construction materials that eat up pollution gain ground in Europe. – Environmental concerns at Ground Zero. – A "restoration ecologist" takes on green roofs everywhere. – Cornell alums design a symbol of peace in the desert between Israel and Jordan. – Low-cost high design on the Isle of Skye. – "Architects are drunk with freedom" in China. – Minarets and changing neighborhoods in Germany. – Big dreams for old warehouses in Phoenix. – Big plans (and big bucks) for Manhattan's west side hit a few snags. – Laying down the law about water efficiency in Sydney. – A native center proposed for Victoria Island. – Ideas competition for Quebec waterfront. – Times Square at 100. – NYC's old and new brick and glass buildings. – "The Crystal Palace comes close, very close, to being the single most influential piece of architecture ever built in Britain."

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